

CECAP Transportation & Development Subgroup
March 25, 2021 Meeting
WebEx Chat Transcript

March 25, 2021 5:52 PM from DAVID KEPLEY to everyone:
David Kepley, Annandale, VA, Braddock district

March 25, 2021 5:52 PM from Karen Sheffield to everyone:
Karen Sheffield, Vienna, VA

March 25, 2021 5:52 PM from Cindy Speas to everyone:
Cindy Speas, Falls Church VA

March 25, 2021 5:53 PM from Ann Bennett to host (privately):
Ann Bennett, Fairfax

March 25, 2021 5:53 PM from doug britt to host (privately):
Doug Britt, Reston, Hunter Mill District

March 25, 2021 5:53 PM from Caroline Gergel to everyone:
Caroline Gergel, resident of Fairfax Station in the Springfield District, and a member of the Timber Ridge HOA.

March 25, 2021 5:53 PM from Ann Bennett to everyone:
Ann Bennett, Fairfax

March 25, 2021 5:54 PM from Julie Kimmel to everyone:
Julie Kimmel, Hunter Mill

March 25, 2021 5:54 PM from Richard Weisman to everyone:
Rich Weisman, Sully District

March 25, 2021 5:55 PM from Karen Keegan to everyone:
Karen Keegan, Great Falls, VA

March 25, 2021 5:56 PM from Kathleen Price to everyone:
Kathleen Price, at home in Falls Church, Mason district

March 25, 2021 5:56 PM from Rebecca Mordini to everyone:
Rebecca Mordini, Alexandria, Mt. Vernon Dist. from home.

March 25, 2021 5:57 PM from Dr. Ana Prados to everyone:
Ana Prados, Springfield, Mt. Vernon District (home)

March 25, 2021 5:57 PM from Johna Gagnon to everyone:
Johna Gagnon, Lee District EQAC Rep, from home

March 25, 2021 5:57 PM from Betty Ende to everyone:
Elizabeth Ende, Dranesville District, home

March 25, 2021 6:03 PM from Anne Regan to everyone:
Anne Regan, Dranesville District, home

March 25, 2021 6:03 PM from Edward Monroe to everyone:
Ed Monroe, Dranesville District, from home

March 25, 2021 6:04 PM from David Schnare to everyone:
Dr. Schnare, Springfield District, from Office

March 25, 2021 6:04 PM from David Wagoner to everyone:
David Wagoner, Mason District

March 25, 2021 6:04 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
Sarah Karush, Providence District, home

March 25, 2021 6:05 PM from Sara Holtz to everyone:
Sara Holtz. Providence

March 25, 2021 6:09 PM from Cara Blumenthal to everyone:
[Meeting materials can be found here.](#)

March 25, 2021 6:09 PM from Sonya Breehey to everyone:
Transit is missing from Transportation.

March 25, 2021 6:10 PM from Cathy Ledec to everyone:
Use of the word "Forestry" is too narrow. It should be "Natural Resources" to include all levels of the canopy.

March 25, 2021 6:11 PM from David Wagoner to everyone:
Is anyone else having connections issues or just me?

March 25, 2021 6:12 PM from Kathleen Price to everyone:
I couldn't get audio, had to call in

March 25, 2021 6:13 PM from Karen Sheffield to everyone:
audio is ok for me

March 25, 2021 6:13 PM from Cathy Ledec to everyone:
connection is ok including audio for me

March 25, 2021 6:14 PM from David Wagoner to everyone:
Thanks I dialed in and it's better

March 25, 2021 6:14 PM from Elizabeth Spike to everyone:
Elizabeth Spike, Mason District, remote

March 25, 2021 6:14 PM from Cathy Ledec to everyone:
On slide 12 you reference FC Government and school operations. What about "Authorities"? missing is the Fairfax Water Authority and the Fairfax County Park Authority

March 25, 2021 6:18 PM from Cathy Ledec to everyone:
A suggestion: turning off video would help with bandwidth

March 25, 2021 6:20 PM from DAVID KEPLEY to everyone:
I am concerned with your description of the county wide measures as being "voluntary.." How are we going to get where we need to be if we do not mandate actions?

March 25, 2021 6:20 PM from Sonya Breehey to everyone:
Was thinking the same thing, David

March 25, 2021 6:20 PM from Cathy Ledec to everyone:
me too

March 25, 2021 6:20 PM from Scott Peterson to everyone:
I was just about to ask that question, too, David. Thanks.

March 25, 2021 6:21 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
@David, the county has very limited authority to do anything. So this whole effort is going to be uphill to say the least.

March 25, 2021 6:21 PM from Cathy Ledec to everyone:
#12 "public spaces" could be replaced by green spaces

March 25, 2021 6:22 PM from Caroline Gergel to everyone:
if actions cannot be required, could we refer to them as "recommended" rather than "voluntary"

March 25, 2021 6:22 PM from Scott Peterson to everyone:
Adam, when appropriate in your presentation, please address your thinking re CECAP being a voluntary plan.

March 25, 2021 6:24 PM from Ann Bennett to everyone:
Good land use makes some of these goals possible. Since much of the decision-making comes from county staff recommendations and BOS how can this be voluntary?

March 25, 2021 6:25 PM from Dr. Ana Prados to everyone:
Agreed, land use policies come from the BOS, not from individual citizens

March 25, 2021 6:25 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
But what about the incentive piece? Can the county do that?

March 25, 2021 6:25 PM from Karen Sheffield to everyone:
if it's voluntary, will there be a budget to support marketing and outreach of the goals and how to implement them?

March 25, 2021 6:26 PM from DAVID KEPLEY to everyone:
What about buildings codes? They are not voluntary. Neither is the waste stream, which can be mandated by the county.

March 25, 2021 6:26 PM from Dr. Ana Prados to everyone:
 Agreed, building code is another example of something that comes from the county or state

March 25, 2021 6:28 PM from Scott Peterson to everyone:
 So we'll have a plan with CECAP, some things may be achieved by voluntary action, and we may have to seek state legislation

March 25, 2021 6:29 PM from Maya Dhavale to everyone:
 That is correct, Scott, and a good way to think about it

March 25, 2021 6:29 PM from DAVID KEPLEY to everyone:
 Yes, we need as part of the plan to develop a list of things we need to put before the state to give us permission to do more to decrease GHGS.

March 25, 2021 6:31 PM from Cindy Speas to everyone:
 The voluntary level is only part of what CECAP was designed to investigate and offer solutions. The county was not to be exempted from responsibility where it can mandate, educate, lobby the state for specific powers. To say otherwise, as if we are only to educate and incentivize the public, feels like a bait and switch.

March 25, 2021 6:31 PM from David Wagoner to everyone:
 As a motivated and concerned group of individuals, we should all be continuing to engage our county supervisors on all these issues going forward. I know mine is a bit tired of hearing from just me and my wife about safe active transportation and infill housing :-)

March 25, 2021 6:31 PM from David Schnare to everyone:
 What assumptions were used to produce this graph with regard to participation level of the public

March 25, 2021 6:31 PM from Elizabeth Spike to everyone:
 My yard waste must now go into paper bags. I learned this from my district supervisor email and from my private waste handler. So is that a mandate by the county? If so then why can't the county mandate GHG reductions?

March 25, 2021 6:32 PM from DAVID KEPLEY to everyone:
 How can we be sure that we will get there if it is just voluntary?

March 25, 2021 6:33 PM from Cindy Speas to everyone:
 Exactly Elizabeth.

March 25, 2021 6:33 PM from DAVID KEPLEY to everyone:
 Excellent Elizabeth!

March 25, 2021 6:33 PM from David Wagoner to everyone:
 SPEAK

March 25, 2021 6:34 PM from Maya Dhavale to everyone:
 The State gives certain abilities to the Counties and Cities in Virginia. If it is not expressly given, the County cannot mandate

March 25, 2021 6:34 PM from Karen Sheffield to everyone:
is waste management so small you can't see it on the charts. is that the .1 on the second chart

March 25, 2021 6:34 PM from Cindy Speas to everyone:
Maya the County can propose and support legislative changes.

March 25, 2021 6:34 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
So the numbers in the previous graph were just potential reductions in each category, not representative of the uptake of each voluntary action.

March 25, 2021 6:35 PM from Maya Dhavale to everyone:
Cindy - The County has a legislative agenda and determines what legislative changes it wants to support.

March 25, 2021 6:35 PM from Betty Ende to everyone:
how do you account for the negative impact on carbon if you allow trees to be taken down indiscriminately in infill development or other business development projects

March 25, 2021 6:35 PM from Karen Sheffield to everyone:
for the calculations on the first graph, what percentage of people did you assume complied to reach these reductions

March 25, 2021 6:35 PM from Cindy Speas to everyone:
Maya....my point exactly!

March 25, 2021 6:36 PM from DAVID KEPLEY to everyone:
Excellent Karen!

March 25, 2021 6:36 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
Maya, isn't part of our role to help the county prioritize its agenda?

March 25, 2021 6:37 PM from Sonya Breehey to everyone:
I'm still not sure you answered Dave's question. Where does infill development fit in?

March 25, 2021 6:37 PM from Karen Sheffield to everyone:
SPEAK

March 25, 2021 6:38 PM from Maya Dhavale to Tyler Brewer (privately):
The CECAP will have the priorities from the Working Group members, and could be used by the Board as a way of prioritizing legislation.

March 25, 2021 6:38 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
BUt what about the reductions?

March 25, 2021 6:38 PM from Dr. Ana Prados to everyone:
how did you come up with these percentages reductio for each category? not all contribute the same

March 25, 2021 6:38 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
Where did they come from -- 100 percent compliance, right?

March 25, 2021 6:38 PM from Cindy Speas to everyone:
Karen has asked to SPEAK

March 25, 2021 6:38 PM from Maya Dhavale to everyone:
The CECAP will have the priorities from the Working Group members, and could be used by the Board as a way of prioritizing legislation.

March 25, 2021 6:38 PM from Maya Dhavale to Tyler Brewer (privately):
oops sorry!!

March 25, 2021 6:38 PM from Scott Peterson to everyone:
Forge ahead Adam

March 25, 2021 6:40 PM from David Wagoner to everyone:
I feel like maybe I wasn't clear but just to repeat- one of the best ways to reduce GHG emissions is to allow more people to live in the county in a denser fashion, so we need to acknowledge that aggressive zoning reform/infill housing must be considered and identified as a way, and I didn't get a good impression from the graphs as to where that fits in.

March 25, 2021 6:40 PM from David Schnare to everyone:
So the graph is simply "best case" and does not reflect actual likely behavior.

March 25, 2021 6:42 PM from Maya Dhavale to everyone:
David - there are two strategies in CECAP that concern infill development: • Support efficient land use, active transportation, public transportation, and transportation demand management (TDM) to reduce vehicle miles traveled. Support preservation, restoration, and expansion of Fairfax County's natural systems and public spaces

March 25, 2021 6:43 PM from David Wagoner to everyone:
Got it, thanks Maya

March 25, 2021 6:43 PM from Logan Pfeiffer to all panelists:
[Mural link](#)

March 25, 2021 6:44 PM from Cara Blumenthal to all panelists:
A reminder to open up a new window. We will show Mural on the WebEx screen in a moment so for the meeting recording.

March 25, 2021 6:46 PM from David Schnare (privately):
Maya,

March 25, 2021 6:47 PM from Maya Dhavale to David Schnare (privately):
David, your message didn't come through

March 25, 2021 6:48 PM from David Schnare (privately):
Maya, the assumptions of this exercise are so unrealistic as to make the exercise nugatory and no longer worth my time. I'll stay involved to monitor what is going on, but a summary of this meeting will be sufficient for that purpose.

March 25, 2021 6:49 PM from Maya Dhavale to everyone:
David, I'm sorry you feel that this exercise isn't helpful. Are there any questions we could address to encourage you to participate?

March 25, 2021 6:50 PM from Maya Dhavale to everyone:
Sorry!

March 25, 2021 6:57 PM from Elizabeth Spike to everyone:
Sorry, can you explain what the pie chart means?

March 25, 2021 6:58 PM from Elizabeth Spike to everyone:
Land use would contribute 15% to overall GHG reduction?

March 25, 2021 6:59 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
I'm having trouble reading the pie chart

March 25, 2021 6:59 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
I zoomed, but I cant distinguish the colors

March 25, 2021 6:59 PM from Anne Regan to everyone:
I was able to vote at first, then not to add more

March 25, 2021 7:00 PM from Sonya Breehey to everyone:
The pie chart shows more categories then we were voting on. Trying to see which would have more impact among the ones we needed to vote on was very confusing.

March 25, 2021 7:00 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
I wasn't able to vote

March 25, 2021 7:00 PM from Sonya Breehey to everyone:
People voted on the pie chart shows it was confusing

March 25, 2021 7:00 PM from Sonya Breehey to everyone:
And it wasn't me

March 25, 2021 7:01 PM from Sonya Breehey to everyone:
Perhaps people were trying to make it bigger. Maybe it was me.

March 25, 2021 7:01 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
Is there a link to the pie chart? I need to print it out.

March 25, 2021 7:02 PM from Dr. Ana Prados to everyone:
what is the point of voting if our votes won't be taken into consideration when putting together this plan?

March 25, 2021 7:02 PM from Maya Dhavale to everyone:
The pie chart is in the Excel document sent in the email last week. Do you have it? If not, it's available on the meeting page. I'll send a link in one moment

March 25, 2021 7:02 PM from Maya Dhavale to everyone:
[Meeting page link](#)

March 25, 2021 7:03 PM from Cathy Ledec to everyone:
how to page down?

March 25, 2021 7:04 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
Maya, which link please

March 25, 2021 7:04 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
oh, you said the excel. sorry

March 25, 2021 7:05 PM from Maya Dhavale to everyone:
[Prioritization matrix link](#)

March 25, 2021 7:19 PM from Sarah Karush (privately):
Thank you for your help locating the charts, Maya.

March 25, 2021 7:21 PM from Maya Dhavale to Sarah Karush (privately):
Glad we could get you what you needed!

March 25, 2021 7:25 PM from Elizabeth Spike to everyone:
What does unfriendly road infrastructure mean?

March 25, 2021 7:25 PM from Elizabeth Spike to everyone:
no

March 25, 2021 7:26 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
Road infrastructure also is in conflict with adaptation (impervious surfaces).

March 25, 2021 7:26 PM from Rebecca Mordini to everyone:
speak

March 25, 2021 7:28 PM from David Wagoner to everyone:
Speak

March 25, 2021 7:29 PM from Sonya Breehey to everyone:
Speak

March 25, 2021 7:29 PM from Holly Dougherty to everyone:
Speak

March 25, 2021 7:29 PM from DAVID KEPLEY to everyone:
speak

March 25, 2021 7:30 PM from Dr. Ana Prados to everyone:
speak

March 25, 2021 7:32 PM from Kathleen Price to everyone:
This would help with environmental equity

March 25, 2021 7:34 PM from Cathy Ledec to everyone:
this strategy needs to include the word "sustainable"

March 25, 2021 7:35 PM from Caroline Gergel to everyone:
SPEAK

March 25, 2021 7:36 PM from Cathy Ledec to everyone:
speak

March 25, 2021 7:36 PM from Dr. Ana Prados to everyone:
At the State Level VA has also passed legislation on Clean Car Standards

March 25, 2021 7:38 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
speak

March 25, 2021 7:38 PM from Rebecca Mordini to everyone:
I forgot to add to this one- waste reduction- but there are a lot of co-benefits to this one

March 25, 2021 7:39 PM from DAVID KEPLEY to everyone:
For tis one, there may be equity issues.

March 25, 2021 7:49 PM from Sonya Breehey to everyone:
Speak

March 25, 2021 7:50 PM from DAVID KEPLEY to everyone:
speak

March 25, 2021 7:51 PM from Ann Bennett to everyone:
Yes to sector goals - much easier for policy makers and residents to wrap their arms around: Building Energy Efficiency; Transportation and Mobile Emissions; Renewable Energy; Land Use, Open Space, Forestry (and maybe waste)

March 25, 2021 7:52 PM from Caroline Gergel to everyone:
Ann said that very well. Keeping sectors based goals may help everyone to keep focused on the end goals.

March 25, 2021 7:52 PM from DAVID KEPLEY to everyone:
Yes to sector based goals. Group the strategies under the three main sectors.

March 25, 2021 7:52 PM from David Wagoner to everyone:
Sector goal fan here

March 25, 2021 7:52 PM from Dr. Ana Prados to everyone:
speak

March 25, 2021 7:54 PM from Elizabeth Spike to everyone:
Yes, collect all the data you can!

March 25, 2021 7:54 PM from Cindy Speas to all panelists:
Yes, we need sector goals.

March 25, 2021 7:54 PM from Julie Kimmel to everyone:
Yes to sector-based goals!

March 25, 2021 7:54 PM from Sonya Breehey to everyone:
Got it - thanks

March 25, 2021	7:54 PM	from Rebecca Mordini to everyone:
Yes to sector based		
March 25, 2021	7:55 PM	from Dr. Ana Prados to everyone:
Yes		
March 25, 2021	7:55 PM	from DAVID KEPLEY to everyone:
Yes to sector based goals.		
March 25, 2021	7:55 PM	from Karen Keegan to everyone:
Yes		
March 25, 2021	7:55 PM	from Johna Gagnon to everyone:
Yes		
March 25, 2021	7:55 PM	from Sonya Breehey to everyone:
Sector based goals - yes		
March 25, 2021	7:55 PM	from Cathy Ledec to everyone:
Yes to sector based goals - just clarify the difference between this and strategies for regular people		
March 25, 2021	7:55 PM	from Holly Dougherty to everyone:
Still not sure there is a need for such goals.		
March 25, 2021	7:56 PM	from Sonya Breehey to everyone:
FWIW, FCPS spring break is next week		
March 25, 2021	7:56 PM	from Ann Bennett to everyone:
yes to a meeting		
March 25, 2021	7:56 PM	from Karen Sheffield to everyone:
no		
March 25, 2021	7:56 PM	from Elizabeth Spike to everyone:
yes		
March 25, 2021	7:56 PM	from Cindy Speas to all panelists:
Agree we need a second meeting.		
March 25, 2021	7:56 PM	from Sarah Karush to everyone:
No to a meeting		
March 25, 2021	7:56 PM	from DAVID KEPLEY to everyone:
yes to meeting		
March 25, 2021	7:56 PM	from Julie Kimmel to everyone:
no		
March 25, 2021	7:56 PM	from Johna Gagnon to everyone:
either way		

March 25, 2021 7:56 PM from Karen Keegan to everyone:
No

March 25, 2021 7:56 PM from Dr. Ana Prados to everyone:
yes

March 25, 2021 7:56 PM from Holly Dougherty to everyone:
I would not be available not week for a meeting

March 25, 2021 7:56 PM from Rebecca Mordini to everyone:
If we don't meet- when will we discuss the things on the agenda you just showed?

March 25, 2021 7:56 PM from Anne Regan to everyone:
can't make that date, mtg OK in future

March 25, 2021 7:57 PM from Julie Kimmel to everyone:
If we do have a meeting, can it be another week?

March 25, 2021 7:57 PM from Sonya Breehey to everyone:
Don't mind the extra meeting but next week won't work

March 25, 2021 7:57 PM from Dr. Ana Prados to everyone:
could you do something like office hours for those of us who may have questions? or does that lead to FOIA issues?

March 25, 2021 7:58 PM from Cindy Speas to all panelists:
I am not understanding...we cannot meet anytime in April?

March 25, 2021 7:58 PM from Dr. Ana Prados to everyone:
thank you Maya, Candace and Adam

March 25, 2021 7:59 PM from Elizabeth Spike to everyone:
if we use mural board again then if participants are absent can they comment on the mural board?

March 25, 2021 8:00 PM from Caroline Gergel to everyone:
All going well. Thank you for running these meetings.

March 25, 2021 8:00 PM from Holly Dougherty to everyone:
Thank you for a thoughtful discussion

March 25, 2021 8:00 PM from DAVID KEPLEY to everyone:
You did well in organizing the meeting. Thanks.

March 25, 2021 8:01 PM from David Wagoner to everyone:
Thanks again!

March 25, 2021 8:01 PM from Sonya Breehey to everyone:
Really appreciate the emails and communications Meetings move a little fast but it might just be me.

March 25, 2021 8:01 PM from Sarah Karush to everyone:
Great discussion. Would love better designed pie charts! ;)